

stantial advancement since 1865 than New Bethel township in mental, moral, social, educational and material improvement. She cannot, as some of her sister townships, boast of historical landmarks and the birth-places of the State's illustrious; but upon the patriotism of her unobtrusive population neither rumor nor tradition tells of one blot. In the bold heroism of war, self-sacrificing and sublime, and in the industrial victories of peace, transcendent and abiding, the splendid achievements of her people present to the historian and the statesman a fertile field for comment and illustration.

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Sketch of Oregonville Township.

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Oregonville township embraces the north-eastern part of Rockingham county, being bounded on the north by Virginia and Dan river, and on the east by the county of Caswell. It contains 47,900 acres.

The soil on the upland is generally gray, and well adapted to the growth of fine, yellow tobacco, in the production of which the township probably excels any in the county and is surpassed by but few in the whole fine tobacco belt. The bottom lands on Dan river, and the creeks flowing through the township, are very rich and produce fine crops. About one-half of the land is in original growth and well timbered with oak, hickory, poplar, dogwood, &c., with quite a quantity of land once cleared, but now overgrown with pine.

In addition to the tobacco crop, the improved lands produce fine crops of corn, wheat, rye, oats, potatoes, &c. Apples, peaches, grapes, and all the fruits grown in this latitude, grow finely here, and could, with the facilities for shipping, be made a source of great profit.

Wolf Island and Lick Fork creeks flow through the township, with other streams, on which there are good water-powers, and are now three good grist and saw-mills.

The population of the township is principally native-born, and to